

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that Applicant designate which claims belong to the three identified species set forth in the Office Action, and then elect to prosecute one of the three species.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated June 23, 2006, the Undersigned had an interview with the Examiner on July 17, 2006. The Examiner revised the breakdown of the claims as follows:

Restriction Requirement

Applicant understands that the Examiner has restricted the claims to the following three inventions:

I. Claims 1-7, 17, 19 and 21 drawn to an electrode made of carbon nanotubes or carbon nanofibers, classified in class 429, subclass 231.8

II. Claims 8-16, 18, 20 and 22 drawn to a process for preparing carbon nanotubes or carbon nanofibers, classified in class 29, subclass 623.1

Election of Species

Applicant's interpretation is that the claims read upon each of the three species:

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Claims</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| (i) capacitor | 17, 18 |
| (ii) fuel cell | 21, 22 |
| (iii) battery cell | 19, 20 |

Applicant's Election

Applicant has elected Group II in combination with Species (iii). Claims 1-7, 17-19 and 21-22 are deleted. As such, claims 8-16 and 20 remain pending.

Applicant believes that the above remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 23, 2006. If the Examiner has any questions, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone at (408) 720-8300.

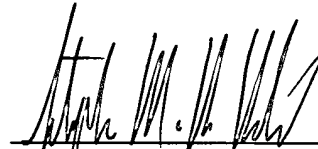
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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